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TO: Interested Parties -- Commercial Availability Reviews

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SUBJECT: Commercial Availability Review on Certain Apparel Containing Lace of Synthetic Yarns (Investigation No. 332-473-004)

The U.S. International Trade Commission has initiated a review to provide advice concerning a petition filed under the “commercial availability” provisions of the ATPDEA on 4 synthetic filament yarns, including certain nylon, polyester, and metalized filament yarns.¹ The nylon yarn is a 6.6 high tenacity, textured nylon yarn; the polyester yarns are both flat, non-textured yarns, differing by yarn size; and the fourth yarn is a 100-percent metallic covered polyester flat, non-textured yarn. The yarns are classified in subheadings 5402.31.60, 5402.62.00, and 5605.00.10 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

The petition was filed by Encajes, S.A. of Colombia, and received by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) on March 9, 2006. The petition alleges that the yarn cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

The Commission will conduct the review and provide advice under its investigation No. 332-473, *Commercial Availability of Apparel Inputs (2006): Effect of Providing Preferential Treatment to Apparel Imported from Sub-Saharan African, Caribbean Basin, and Andean Countries*, instituted at the request of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). The advice concerns the probable economic effect on U.S. producers, workers, and consumers of granting duty-free and quota-free treatment to apparel containing lace made in eligible countries from the specified yarns, regardless of the source of the yarns, should CITA determine that the yarns cannot be supplied

¹ The AGOA is the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the CBTPA is the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act, and the ATPDEA is the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act.

by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The Commission will submit its advice to the USTR by April 20, 2006. Some or all of the confidential business information provided may be included in the reports that the Commission sends to the USTR. The Commission plans to publish a public version of each review shortly after a review is sent to the USTR. However, in the public version, the Commission will not publish confidential business information in a manner that would reveal the operations of the firm supplying the information.

The Commission invites interested parties to submit written statements (original and 3 copies) concerning issues to be addressed by the Commission in this review by April 3, 2006. Information on procedures for submitting written statements, including confidential business information, to the Commission can be found in its notice of investigation, which was published in the *Federal Register* of March 3, 2006 (71 F.R. 10992)] and posted on its website at

http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed_reg_notices/332/332_465_institution01242005sgl.pdf.

Further information on this review can be obtained from Vincent DeSapio (202-205-3435); vincent.desapio@usitc.gov. Information on the commercial availability investigation of the Commission can be obtained from its Program Manager (see above) and from its website at

http://www.usitc.gov/ind_econ/ana/research/ana/pres_cong/332/short_supply/shortsupintro.htm. Information on commercial availability requests is also available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, which chairs CITA, on the website of its Office of Textiles and Apparel at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/CA.htm>.